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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Jeannette Whitcomb
Serial No. : 09/663,885 Examiner: J. Parkin
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For : MEAN AND METHODS FOR MONITORING NON-
NUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITOR
ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE
TO AUGUST 15, 2002 RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT AND PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted in response to the August 15, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 15, 2002 Office Action was originally due September 15, 2002. Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time. Applicant has previously established small entity status. The required fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is \$200.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the August 15, 2002 Office Action is now due November 15, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted pending claims 1-17 to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a method for assessing the effectiveness of non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase